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1. DR. JOE L. STOCKARD OF AID/ TA/ H HAS SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING LIST IN CONNECTION WITH DR. EL- MAHMOUN' S REQUEST FOR PERSONS TO WHOM HE COULD WRITE CONCERNING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ALL AFRICAN MEETING ON LIVER, SPLEEN, AND BLOOD DISEASES, JUNE 18-22. THE LIST WAS DEVELOPED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED MEETING WOULD POSSIBLY INCLUDE GENERAL CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF DISEASES OF THESE ORGANS, SPECIAL IMMUNOLOGICAL FEATURES OF THE RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM, OR THE ANEMIAS WHICH CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MOST LDC' S. THIS DOES NOT

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ALLOW FOR MUCH IN DEPTH CONSIDERATION OF MANY SPECIFIC DISEASES SUCH AS THOSE CAUSED BY PARASITES, BACTERIA, VIRUSES, DEGENERATIONS, CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, CHEMICALS, MALIGNANT CHANGES, TRAUMA, ETC., ETC. IF ANY OF THESE ARE THE SUBJECTS OF INTEREST IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GENERAL INTERNISTS WOULD BE ABLE TO COVER THEM SATISFACTORILY BUT IF FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS ANY SUBJECT, E. G., ALCOHOLIC CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER, SHOULD BE AVOIDED THEY SHOULD BE SO ADVISED.

2. DR. STOCKARD WAS ABLE TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE MEETING WITHOUT ASSUMING ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME:

DR. JOSEPH A. BELLANTI, M. D.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS
AND MICROBIOLOGY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20007

(DR. BELLANTI HAS A BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF MICROBIAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNE MECHANISMS. HE PRESENTED A PAPER ON MECHANISMS OF IMMUNOLOGY AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PARASITOLOGY LAST NOVEMBER IN MIAMI.)

DR. JOHN F. BERTLES, M. D.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
AND SURGEONS
DIRECTOR HEMATOLOGY DIVISION
ST. LUKES HOSPITAL CENTER
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. 10025

(DR. BERTLES IS GENERAL HEMATOLOGIST WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.)

MARK CONRAD, COLONEL, U. S. ARMY, MEDICAL CORPS
CHIEF OF HEMATOLOGY
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(DR. CONRAD HAS BROAD KNOWLEDGE IN THE ORGAN SYSTEMS CONCERNED, WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN HEMATOLOGY ESPECIALLY IRON METABOLISM AND G6 PD DEFICIENCY.)

3. DR. STOCKARD WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BUT RECOMMENDS THEM FOR INCLUSION ON THE LIST BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD.

DR. FRANK L. IBER
PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL
170 MARTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS. 02130

(GOOD CLINICAL BACKGROUND IN DISEASES OF LIVER, SPLEEN AND BLOOD.)

DR. THOMAS W. SHEEHY
PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 35233

4. DR. ALAN CHEEVER, A PATHOLOGIST, WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT IN CAIRO, IS AN AUTHORITY ON THE PATHOLOGY PRODUCED IN THE LIVER AND SPLEEN BY SCHISTOSOMIASIS, A PARASITIC DISEASE WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN AFRICA.

5. ALTHOUGH PLEASED BY THE OAU' S INTEREST IN MATTERS OF HUMAN HEALTH, DR. STOCKARD ADVISES THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THE ORGANIZERS OF SUCH MEETINGS BE ENCOURAGED TO FOCUS MORE SPECIFICALLY ON SUBJECTS OF MEETINGS AND ALLOW LEAD TIME OF ABOUT ONE YEAR FOR SPEAKER SELECTIONS AND PAPER PREPARATION. IT IS NOT AT ALL UNUSUAL FOR THE OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS HERE TO HAVE COMMITMENTS UP TO A YEAR IN ADVANCE. RUSH
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